

PUBLIC NOTICE – BROAD CREEK, JACKSON CREEK AND FISHING BAY  
NO DISCHARGE ZONE

NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality is considering submittal of a request to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to designate the Broad Creek, Jackson Creek and Fishing Bay watersheds in Middlesex County as a vessel No Discharge Zone.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: May 5, 2008 to June 4, 2008.

PUBLIC MEETING: A public meeting will be held at the Deltaville Community Center at 17147 Puller Highway in Deltaville, Virginia on May 5, 2008 at 7:00 P.M., to discuss this designation and to answer questions from the public.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In order to improve water quality in Broad Creek, a tributary to the Rappahannock River, Jackson Creek and Fishing Bay, tributaries to the Piankatank River, which are listed as impaired waterways for bacteria and nutrients on the Virginia List of Impaired Waters, the Department proposes to request the No Discharge Zone designations from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If the designation is received for these waters, they will be established as No Discharge Zones which means that all discharges of sewage from vessels, whether treated or untreated, would be prohibited, and sewage wastes must be contained until removed at pump out facilities. Untreated discharges of sewage from vessels are currently prohibited by state regulation, so the regulation amendment primarily will impact vessels with waste treatment systems that discharge treated sewage. If the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grants the designation the Department of Environmental Quality and the State Water Control Board will amend state regulation 9VAC 25-71, "Regulations Governing Discharge of Sewage and Other Wastes from Boats" to Add the Broad Creek, Jackson creek and Fishing Bay watersheds to the list of designated No Discharge Zones in the state.

LOCALITY PARTICULARLY AFFECTED: The community of Deltaville, Virginia and Middlesex County, Virginia.

HOW TO COMMENT: The Department of Environmental Quality accepts written comments by e-mail, fax and postal mail. All written comments must include the full name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and must be received by the Department by 5:00 P.M. on the last day of the comment period.

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